7. Lowering of the commutation rate of paddy in the case of Sirkar Devaswam tenants and the grant of substantial concession to tenants of the Estates under Sirkar management.

(b) Government will watch the result of the measures already taken before proceeding further.

Scheme to scale down Agricultural debts—resolution regarding.

37. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state why they have not carried out the resolution contained in the resolution passed by this House on the 20th of February 1934, viz., "This Council recommends to the Government to formulate a scheme to scale down agricultural debts in proportion to the fall in prices" ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The resolution was not accepted by the Government for reasons explained in Diwan's Proceedings dated 5th April 1934, No. D.-Dis. 9806/1109, published on pages 632—633 in Part I of the Gazette, dated 7th April 1934.

Land Revenue Assessment—reduction in rates.

38. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*— Adverting to paragraph 8 of the Report of the Economic Depression Relief Measures Enquiry Committee, appointed by the Cochin Government in 1109, and particularly to the passage therein "The supplementary measures proposed by him were reduction of land revenue . . . . . We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures of a substantial character, mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any appreciable relief to the agriculturists", will the Government state:—

(a) how they have justified their suspension of their system of occasional remissions in land revenue as against the said recommendation for a permanent reduction in the rates of our land revenue;

(b) whether they have realised the fact that the prospects of a fall in the land revenue collections, in case the reduction is effected, can very much be minimised by the introduction of a graded system of reduction by which the reduction need be extended to only deserving cadres among our agriculturists?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a) No attempt at justification was, or is necessary, because there is no

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